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Status of Day Care - 1987

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Status of Day Care in Canada - 1987



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The following table provides the number of
centre and family day care spaces by province:

Interprovincial Comparison of Day Care Spaces

Provinces	Centre Spaces	Family Day Care Spaces
Newfoundland	1 318	-
Prince Edward Island	1 132	132
Nova Scotia	5 282	115
New Brunswick	4 470	33
Quebec	54 565*	3 860
Ontario	84 836	9 182
Manitoba	8 771	1 755
Saskatchewan	3 698	2 022
Alberta	37 494	5 588
British Columbia	14 499	4 096
Northwest Territories	215	25
Yukon	405	52
NATIONAL TOTALS	216 685	26 860

* 18 301 of Quebec spaces are operated under the auspices of the
Department of Education.



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The following table provides the number of day care spaces by auspices and by province:

Interprovincial Comparison of Day Care Spaces by Auspices

Provinces	Public	Non-Profit	Commercial	Total
Newfoundland	-	277	1 041	1 318
Prince Edward Island	-	429	703	1 132
Nova Scotia	-	3 208	2 074	5 282
New Brunswick	-	2 910	1 560	4 470
Quebec	18 301*	28 308	7 956	54 565
Ontario	9 510**	33 727	41 599	84 836
Manitoba	-	7 722	1 049	8 771
Saskatchewan	-	3 584	114	3 698
Alberta	824	7 098	29 572	37 494
British Columbia	-	10 026	4 473	14 499
Northwest Territories	-	175	40	215
Yukon	-	200	205	405
National Totals	28 635	97 664	90 386	216 685

* 18 301 of Quebec Public spaces are operated under the auspices of the Department of Education.

** The data from Ontario tends to overestimate the number of commercial spaces. Ontario is gathering more precise data, but this data was not available in time for this report.

The following four tables provide information on the percentage of children being served by existing full-time day care spaces according to the age of the child and by the labour force participation of the parent(s).

Infant Day Care - Children 0-17 Months

Category of Parent	Number of Children	% of Children Served
Mothers in labour force	303 018	4.59
Full-time working parents(1)	149 266	9.33
Full-time working parents(2) plus students	157 615	8.83
Full-time working parents plus students, plus parents working 20 to 29 hours a week(3)	203 890	6.83

As of March 1987, there were 13 923 full-time day care spaces for children 0-17 months of age. As can be seen from the above four compilations, the percentage of children these spaces can serve differs according to which groups of parents are included in the compilation.

Children between the Ages of 18 Months and 36 Months

Category of Parent	Number of Children	% of Children Served
Mothers in labour force	319 357	8.55
Full-time working parents(1)	158 776	17.21
Full-time working parents(2) plus students	171 435	15.94
Full-time working parents plus students, plus parents working 20 to 29 hours a week(3)	215 423	12.68

As of March 1987, there were 27 319 full-time day care spaces for children between the ages of 18 months and 36 months.

Children between the Ages of 3 and 6 Years

Category of Parent	Number of Children	% of Children Served
Mothers in labour force	633 937	24.27
Full-time working parents(1)	324 621	47.39
Full-time working parents(2) plus students	348 244	44.17
Full-time working parents plus students, plus parents working 20 to 29 hours a week (3)	432 849	35.54

As of March 1987, there were 153 827 day care spaces for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years.

Children between the Ages of 6 and 13 Years

Category of Parent	Number of Children	% of Children Served
Mothers in labour force	1 777 250	2.73
Full-time working parents(1)	962 418	5.04
Full-time working parents(2) plus students	1 014 614	4.78
Full-time working parents plus students, plus parents working 20 to 29 hours a week(3)	1 251 288	3.88

As of March 1987, there were 48 486 day care spaces for school-age children.

NOTES

1. This category includes the lone parent who is working full time, and includes the two-parent family where both parents are working full time.
2. This category includes the full-time working parents and also includes the lone parent who is a full-time student, two-parent families where one parent works full time and the other is a full-time student, and two-parent families where both parents are full-time students.
3. This category includes the full-time working parents plus student category as well as the lone parent who works 20 to 29 hours a week, the two-parent families where one parent works full time and the other works 20 to 29 hours a week, two-parent families where both parents work 20 to 29 hours a week, and two-parent families where one parent works 20 to 29 hours a week and the other parent is a full-time student.

